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It was an especially poignant Fourth of July celebration this year, given the events of 9/11 and the ensuing operations NOBLE EAGLE and ENDURING FREEDOM. Let me add my thanks to you, along with those of the citizens of Utah and the United States of America, for all you have done to preserve and protect freedom and liberty with your service as officers, soldiers, and airmen of the Utah National Guard.

I am constantly approached by citizens who express their thanks for all that you do to serve the country. They are grateful for your efforts and recognize the burden that is being borne by your families and your employers. We are engaged as never before and the pace of our operations is unrelenting. Through it all, you serve with distinction and devotion.

These past few months have been a time of tremendous accomplishment for the Army Guard. I have enjoyed the opportunity to visit with the 1/148th Field Artillery at Fort Carson, the 116th Engineers on the Mexican border, the 222nd Field Artillery at Fort Stewart, as well as mobilized 142nd MI soldiers at Fort Gordon. All of these soldiers were performing superbly and rendering outstanding service to the nation.

On the Air Guard side, the 151st Refueling Wing recently stood a challenging Single Intergraded Operations Plan Inspection, on top of being partially mobilized. The Wing passed the inspection with flying colors and again set the standard by which others are judged. The 109th Air Control Squadron remains in active duty status, as well as the 169th Intelligence Squadron. I salute these fine officers and airmen for their accomplishments.

TAG's Corner



photo by State Staff

Major General Brian L. Tarbet, The Adjutant General of Utah

Over the Fourth of July, the 23rd Army Band performed numerous concerts, which were greatly enjoyed by the public and contributed greatly to the celebration of America's birthday. The Band is one of the crown jewels of the Utah Guard and it has become a community favorite.

The future brings more challenges. The Engineers, Military Intelligence, and the Special Forces continue to participate in operations ENDURING FREEDOM and DESERT SPRING. This will continue with increasing tempo. In the near future, the 145th Field Artillery will mobilize for a CONUS

mission and elements of the 142nd MI will mobilize for an SFOR rotation. The UTANG will continue in various stages of mobilization to support a wide variety of contingencies. I acknowledge the sacrifice of these soldiers, and airmen, and their families, and express my gratitude to each of them.

Today, we stand at 102% strength due to a great recruiting effort. Our primary focus must be to train, pay, and promote these soldiers and airmen and to prepare them to fight, survive and win on the battlefield. Nothing else is more important for our leaders to do and nothing less will be accepted.

Top Army Enlisted Comments



photo by State Staff

Command Sergeant Major Dell K. Smith, Command Sergeant Major of the Utah Army National Guard

A soldier or airman - - the Utah National Guard's most precious asset. We are all well aware of the fact that without soldiers or airmen, no piece of equipment has any worth or value. This organization has some of the most dedicated soldiers and airmen in the country. Truly dedicated to the

accomplishment of the mission whether it is in the Winter Olympics, special operations in central Asia, engineer work in Afghanistan, military intelligence work around the world, or security defense duty at Tooele Army Depot and Dugway Proving Ground. Where does the esprit de corps come from that

is exhibited by members of this organization? It's more than morale or a hot shower or a letter from home. It's more than professionalism and pride; it's about placing trust in the soldier or airman to your right or left. Esprit de corps has its roots in values, and those values live each day in the Utah National Guard.

Patriotism is at an all time high in the country. As members of the military, we are front and center again as we were during DESERT STORM and patriotism in the country has never been stronger. It is our responsibility as members of the military to make sure that we maintain high standards and military bearing. When you wear the uniform, wear it with a sense of pride and dignity. Be an example for the whole organization, and be proud that you are able to wear the uniform and represent the Utah National Guard.

I want to personally thank each one of you for your hard work and dedication. It is the hard-working men and women of who make this organization great. Again, let me thank you for your service and commitment to the country, state and community, and this great organization.



The Utah National Guard Parade Float Sweeps Awards

By Staff Sgt. Maren Barney

You don't have to be a beauty queen or be able to dance to ride on a float in a parade – just ask any of the Army or Air Guard personnel who have waved at crowds from the Guard float in local parades this summer. In an effort to encourage “jointness” within the Utah National Guard, The Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, decided to make the float a joint effort this year. “I have found that in those areas where we've worked together, we've greatly benefited – the float is proof of that,” said Maj. Gen. Tarbet.

General Tarbet feels that the favorable response to the float is because “our communities are feeling patriotic and concerned about the country this year, and the float taps into that patriotism.” The float won awards in four of the six parades it has participated in so far (one parade did not give awards). It won the ‘Sweepstakes Award’ for the Provo's Freedom Festival and Pleasant Grove's



Photo by WO1 Williams

The Utah National Guard Float in the Strawberry Days Parade at Pleasant Grove, Utah where it won the Sweepstakes Award

Strawberry Days parades, as well as the ‘Civic Award’ for the Westfest parade in West Valley and the ‘Best of Theme’ Steel Days parade in American Fork.

The theme of the float is “History of the Guard” and it employs historical elements in its design. On the front of the float sits an old Army

Quartermasters wagon, borrowed from a man in Northern Utah. Behind the wagon stand two mannequins from the Fort Douglas Museum that are wearing authentic uniforms from World War I and World War II. The driver and two standing Guard members come next. Behind them is a re-creation of the rubble of the World Trade Center towers, upon which stands a firefighter and National Guardsman holding the American flag.

Lt. Col. Wes Tanner, who has made a career of float making, had a budget of \$2,400 to create this float. “We did a pretty good job considering the other floats you see range from \$15,000 to \$30,000 each” remarked Tanner.

“My thanks to those folks who did the work,” said Maj. Gen. Tarbet. “I built one of these once in college, and building a float is a lot of work. I admire the creative genius. It's a great team effort by a lot of folks who are having their efforts recognized.”

The float will participate in nine parades by the end of the summer.



Photo by Tech Sgt. Burke Baker

Staff Sgt. Maren Barney talking with MG Tarbet about some of the awards won by the Utah National Guard Parade Float this year

The 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, Mobilized for up to One Year of Active Duty



Members of the 1st Battalion processing onto active duty at Building 615, Camp Williams
Photos by SFC Greg Cullis

By LTC Craig Morgan

Mobilizations have become a common occurrence for the Utah National Guard since 9-11. Four hundred members of the Utah Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, were recently activated for up to a year as part of Operation Noble Eagle. The Battalion, which has units in Riverton, Fillmore, Manti, Spanish Fork and Ogden, assumed responsibility for installation security at Dugway Proving Grounds and the Tooele Army Depot. Following the events of September 11th, the 3rd Battalion, 160th Infantry Brigade, from the California National Guard has provided security for these facilities. The infantry battalion has completed its assigned activation period and, after

turning security details over to the 145th, will return to California. Lt. Col. Michael G Barrera from Bluffdale, Utah commands the 145th.

"I am very proud of the high standards the 145th maintains – we are ready to go," said Barrera. Concerned about the length of time the Battalion members will be away from family and their civilian jobs, Barrera said, "I can't

say enough about the support we have received from employers. It's like we're all in this together. It makes us proud to know we are supported by our families and bosses back home."

The Battalion assumed their duties August 21st, following the completion of administrative and training requirements necessary to transition the unit to full-time active duty. The Battalion was administratively processed onto Active Duty status by members of the Utah STARC at Building 615 at Camp Williams.

The Battalion reported to their mobilization station, Fort Carson, Colorado, on August 4, 2002 for an intensive two-week training period on their security mission. The training included infantry tactics, vehicle patrols, rifle marksmanship, heavy machine guns qualifications, and specialized security training on their specific mission. This same unit had a back-up security mission during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, so they have seen considerable action this year.

The Utah National Guard continues to play a key role in the fight against terrorism and Home Land Security.



1/145th members being processed by members of STARC

Utah Army National Guard has Top Recruiter in the Nation

by SFC Paul Raymond

Utah Army National Guard recruiter, Sergeant First Class Matthew S. Rhinehart, was recently selected as the top recruiter in the nation among all other Army National Guard recruiters. SFC Rhinehart was selected by a board of eight sergeants major and received his award on November 11, 2001, from Major General Reese in Washington, D.C.

He finished the year as the number one recruiter in the Utah Army National Guard with 54 total enlistments. That qualified him to compete against the top recruiters from all other states and territories. In all, he was competing against 2,683 other Army National Guard recruiters. The competition was not based solely on the number of enlistments, but was also based on community involvement and overall military readiness, which includes appearance, physical readiness, marksmanship, and competence.

Sergeant First Class Rhinehart, who resides in Richfield, Utah, works hard in the community. He organized a fundraiser that netted over \$20,000 for a local law enforcement program called "Shop with a Cop." This program is operated with many of his fellow soldiers and benefited the children in local communities. He is also involved with the Cub Scouts and a girl's softball team where he serves as an assistant coach. Sergeant First Class Rhinehart is a highly professional soldier. He qualified as an "expert marksman" and scored 296, out of a



Photo by National Guard Bureau Staff

Sergeant First Class Matthew S. Rhinehart receiving award as the the Top Army National Guard Recruiter in the nation at a ceremony in Washington D.C. The award is being presented by Major General Reese.

possible 300 points on his last Army Physical Readiness Test.

Sergeant First Class Rhinehart said, "The award was a big surprise and the most gratifying experience of my life." Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson Burton, the Recruiting and Retention Manager for the Utah Army National Guard,

stated that Rhinehart's accomplishments were truly remarkable. "He outperformed every other recruiter in the nation, and he did it in a sparsely populated area. His success has come because he really cares about those he serves, and he takes care of them long after they join the National Guard."

19th Special Forces Units Return from Service in Kuwait



Photo by 19th SFGA

Members of the 19th Special Forces testing their weapons systems

by SFC Charles Gerhauser C/1/19th SFG

Company C, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) was mobilized in December and deployed to Operation Desert Spring for three months. The mission was in support of the Defense of Kuwait and consisted of Combat Support Teams that operated along the Iraqi Border. These Combat Support Teams provided close air support and were liaison elements to Kuwaiti Armor Brigades in battle positions in the event of Iraqi aggression. As part of the operation, Special Forces Operational Detachments conducted Foreign Internal Defense training with Kuwaiti units and spent the last month conducting live fire operations. Special Forces Operational Detachment 934 of Company C stayed an additional three months to augment Company A of the 19th Special Forces from the Rhode Island National Guard.

Operation Desert Spring was communications intensive for all deployed personnel and incorporated

encrypted HF, SATCOM, FM and ALE communications. The Special Forces Operational Detachments (a 12-man team) were broken into 3-man elements and were equipped with desert Humvees armed with M-2 50 caliber or MARK 19 weapon systems and a myriad of communications and electronic devices. Foreign Internal Defense missions covered a wide gambit of military subjects including desert survival, waterborne infiltration, weapons training, communications and navigation. The goal was to better prepare Kuwaiti soldiers and units to shoot, move, communicate and survive combat operations.

Team training consisted of demolitions, weapons training and infiltration and exfiltration techniques. Each team got extensive training with electric and non-electric initiation of cratering and shape charges, bangalore torpedo, claymore and SLAM mines and a large variety of improvised munitions using C4, TNT, dynamite and powder.

Weapons training consisted of duty weapons and squad automatic weapons including the M-2 50-caliber, MARK 19, Barrett 50-caliber sniper rifle, suppressed MP-5, AT-4, LAW and grenades. Infiltration and exfiltration techniques included scuba and waterborne operations in the Persian Gulf, military freefall and static line parachute jumps from HC-130 and UH-60 aircraft, airmobile and vehicular. All operations were conducted in day and night and utilized individual night vision goggles. Joint training was conducted with U.S. Army Armor, Infantry, Engineers, Aviation and the U.S. Air Force. Equipment and ammunition assets and training opportunities were in great abundance, and individual and team skills were raised to new levels.

Kuwait was an austere environment providing the opportunity to develop SOPs and skills that are representative of future areas of interest. The mission was an excellent springboard for things to come and was conducted in the highest tradition of the United States Army Special Forces.



Photo by 19th SFG A

Members of the 19th Special Forces conducting a Military Freefall

The 19th Special Forces Group Support Company First Rotation Returns from Kuwait

By SFC Al Yardley 19th GSC

Outstanding! Great! Amazing! Exciting! These are a few of the words from members of the 19th Special Forces Group Support Company when asked to describe in one word their experience in support of Operation Desert Spring. This is the joint operation conducted in Kuwait by the U.S. and the Kuwaiti government. Since the end of the Gulf War, Special Forces units have supported Operation Desert Spring as a stabilizing force in the region, training Kuwaiti military and local police forces on U.S. military tactics.

Eighteen soldiers from the 19th Special Forces Group, Support Company, volunteered to deploy in April to support this operation. Soldiers from the 19th Special Forces Group, Company A, 2nd Battalion, of the Rhode Island National Guard supported with operational detachments. This was the first all National Guard supported rotation in Kuwait. Previously, rotations were supported by the 5th and 3rd Special Forces Groups from the active Army, and were augmented with operational detachments and support personnel from the 19th Special Forces, 1st Battalion.

Members of Group Support Company supported this rotation with communication, administration, NBC, intelligence, maintenance, ammunition specialists, parachute riggers, and Special Forces liaison support. Each section received extensive training in their respective MOS. Other training opportunities included: satellite communication training, new radio and



Photo by 19th SFG GSC

Some of the members of 19th Special Forces Group Support Company serving in Doha, Kuwait: Back left to right - SPC Hetchle, ISG Yardley, SPC Mower, SPC Howe, SPC Keegan, SPC Butterfield. Front left to right - SPC Donina, SFC Caldwell, and SPC Ekland.

equipment training, cross training, unilateral training, special operations weapons and crew serve weapons training, NBC training, mobilization training, cultural training, close air support training, medical training and airborne sustainment training.

Group Support Company soldiers were also provided the opportunity to jump with their Kuwaiti counter part and exchange Jump Wings. This will authorize them to wear their Kuwaiti Jump Wings on their dress uniforms.



Members of the 19th Special Forces performing satellite communications in the deserts of Kuwait

Task Force-211 returns home after nearly seven months in Kuwait



Photo by CW5 Lane Pace

Kuwaiti 1-34 Strike Force Commander (left), LTC Clark TF-211 Commander (center), and COL Lloyd TF-211 Surgeon (right)

by LTC Matt Clark

In February 2002, while the entire world looked on as the Utah Army National Guard professionally shepherded the 2002 Winter Olympics, unnoticed to most was the welcomed return of Task Force-211 (Air Pirates). The TF-211 completed nearly seven months of unparalleled service in the country of Kuwait. Armed with the motto "Guard the Line," and equipped with AH-64 Apache and UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters, TF-211's mission was to deter Iraqi aggression and openly demonstrate the United States' resolve in support of Kuwait. Daily flight missions were directed toward border security and gunnery operations with joint coalition forces. Eight Apache and four Blackhawk helicopters were the leading edge for U.S. interests and early warning of potential hostilities.

Involvement of the Utah Army National Guard with Operation Desert Spring started over two years earlier when 1-211th (Utah Army National Guard) and 1-147th (Wisconsin and Indiana Army National Guard) received an "Alert to Train Message" with the possibility of deployment to Kuwait. Mobilization planners carefully weighed

the challenges ahead and recommended that TF-211 consider a home station mobilization. Home station mobilization allowed TF-211 maximum training and integration of three National Guard states prior to deployment overseas. The home station mobilization was wrought with many challenges and opportunities to validate National Guard personnel deploying to a combat theater directly from their home state. Approval to conduct the home station mobilization was carefully orchestrated through the support of The Adjutants General for Utah, Wisconsin and Indiana. Their proposal to National Guard Bureau, First U.S. Army, Fifth U.S. Army and FORSCOM embodied an age-old concept of the National Guard-- the concept of individual states maintaining a reserve force equally trained and adequately prepared to serve side by side with active forces worldwide. Active Duty evaluators and trainers were on hand throughout the 12-month train up to ensure compliance with U.S. Army mobilization and training requirements. Training and mobilization preparations culminated in a two-week exercise in the desert west of Salt Lake City. Utah's West Desert replicated the environmental climate and conditions

inherent to the country of Kuwait. This exercise resulted in TF-211 successfully completing all essential mission requirements and validating personnel for deployment.

The activation of TF-211 was held at the West Jordan Armory on 19 July 2001. A resounding "Guard the Line" echoed throughout the ranks as activation orders were read. The TF-211 embarked on a six and a half month rotation to Kuwait. Unlike other AH-64 Task Forces deployed to Kuwait, TF-211 sought the approval of Third U.S. Army to conduct personnel rotations every 90 days. Personnel rotations allowed more Guard personnel to participate and eased the burden on families and employers. A small cadre of key TF-211 leaders ensured continuity of operations with no derogation in mission accomplishment. The TF-211 set many new records for AH-64 operations in Kuwait. They flew 100% of all AH-64 flight hours while maintaining over 90% mission capable rates. Additionally, they completed every assigned mission, to include several live gunnery operations. The TF-211's UH-60's provide flawless VIP support and full integration into combat training exercises. Operations after 11 September 2001 intensified as TF-211 surged to meet changing requirements. The UH-60 helicopters and aircrews worked daily with Operation Enduring Freedom mission planners and senior Army officials. The concurrent task to support Operation Enduring Freedom was unforeseen but transitioned smoothly with professional operations and considerable combat planning. Congratulations to TF-211 for completing a successful, accident-free rotation to Kuwait. Welcome Home!

Utah National Guard Linguist helps Bridge the Gap

By Spc. Adam Bradley, 139th MPAD

Over 400 United States service members and roughly 150 Nicaraguan Special Forces gathered into one base camp, “la comunicación entre dos militares puede ser difícil,” with a unique mission. That is where 1LT Dylan M. Reyes-Cairo, Duration Staff Command Interpreter and Linguist Coordinator, and his rotation linguist’s units help. 1LT Reyes-Cairo, originally from the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, Utah Army National Guard, said there are many factors as to why he volunteered for Joint Task Force Chontales, the 2002 New Horizons military humanitarian mission.

Most of his Spanish was refined during his two-year LDS mission in Mexico, but a lot of his training came from the influence of his Cuban father. With this strong Spanish background, he was well qualified for the Joint Task Force Chontales assignment. But mainly he volunteered because “I love the language, and I enjoy speaking it.”

He has been in Nicaragua from the start in mid-January 2002, spending most of his time with the Nicaraguan Army and helping to harmonize the interactions between both militaries. “It’s great because I feel like I’m in the mix at every aspect of the operation,” said 1LT Reyes-Cairo.

Along with first-rate assistance from Army National Guard linguistic units, consisting of four to 15 members depending on rotation, the communication barrier between the groups has narrowed. “We’ve established a fantastic relationship with



Photo by 139th MPAD

1LT Dylan M. Reyes-Cairo, a member of the 142nd MI Bn, using his linguist skills as the staff command interpreter and linguist coordinator at a jungle base camp in Nicaragua, in Central America.

the Nicaraguan Army,” said 1LT Reyes-Cairo. “A great mutual respect has developed.”

Interpreters, who are speaking and thinking at least twice as much during any conversation, are necessary at the construction sites to coordinate security issues and schedules. But they’re also needed at the medical and veterinary sites to communicate with the citizens. “We can’t do it without them. They are superb,” said LTC Richard Young, clinic physician and doctor assigned to the medical readiness training exercise in La Batea. “The more the translator is able to work with us, the easier it is to help out our patients.”

Joint Task Force Chontales is named for the region in Nicaragua where U.S. active duty personnel, along with National Guard and Reserve military

units from all four branches trained in two-week rotations from January to May 2002. The training improved the readiness of U.S. Engineer and support units by conducting overseas movements and the construction of schools and medical clinics with the cooperation and assistance of the Nicaraguan government. The U.S. medical personnel received excellent training by providing hands-on health and dental care to Nicaraguans, as well as the U.S. Forces participating in the operation.

Joint Task Force Chontales is a part of ongoing exercises in Central America that provide humanitarian aid and civic assistance projects for the host nation and joint training opportunities for the U.S. Armed Forces, active and reserve components.

The 19th Special Forces Trains Medical Personnel on the steppes of Asia



Photos by 19th SFGA Medical Team

Members of the 19th SFGA sharing a meal with nomad Mongolians

by MAJ Robert Harrington, 19th SFGA

A medical team from the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) recently returned from a multi-week training mission to one of the most remote areas in the world--Mongolia.

While working at various remote sites in the country, the four doctors and the six special forces medics of the team gained a unique insight into unconventional medicine as practiced in the third world countries.

The focus of this year's medical exercise, BALANCE MAGIC-02, was to work in such non-trauma, subspecialties as dental, veterinary and obstetrics. Additional training involved giving various units of the Mongolian Military courses in emergency medicine and care.

Special Forces medics (18Ds) are among some of the most uniquely and intensively trained personnel in the U.S. Military. It takes several years of intensive training and continual challenges to become an 18D. They are

truly an elite group; less than 25% of those who start the training program make it through. Once they graduate, they serve as one of two medical members on the A-Team, the standard 12-person Special Forces unit.

Their enormous responsibility is to provide all medical care to team members while deployed to remote locations and to also provide a wide range of medical care to the local population. Being certified as EMT-P's helps with their trauma skills, but training missions to such places as Mongolia sharpens the non-trauma skills they need to function well in the field. Obtaining practical experience for the medics in the United States is very difficult.

Mongolia offers a unique training environment for the 18Ds. The average altitude is over 5,000 MSL with terrain ranging from the hot, sandy wastelands of the Gobi Desert to the towering mountains and forests of the West.

Ninety percent of the country is open plains or steppe with the remaining 10% forest. Ulaan Baatar, the capital of Mongolia and where most of the training took place, is the coldest capital in the world with an annual average temperature below freezing. For every day above 70 F, there are many days 30-40 below zero. The population of 2.5 million is over 90% Khalk Mongol with several minority groups such as the Kazaks and Uzbeks making up the balance of the population. Mongolia is also unique in having one of the last nomad populations in the world. About 30% of the people still free range across the great central Asian steppes where they tend to their horses and camels.

The Mongolians declared their independence from China in 1924 and the Soviets quickly came in and supported and subsidized them for the next 65 years. Street demonstrations in 1989 led to free elections in 1990 and a parliamentary democracy in 1991. Also in 1991, the Russians withdrew their 75,000 troops from the country and ended all financial subsidies. Ever since, the Mongols have been slowly reintegrating into the world economy with various aide agencies lending assistance to demonstrate how to set up a modern, functioning democracy.

The obstetrical portion of the training had the six Special Forces Medics successfully deliver, on average, three live births and observe several surgical procedures such as cesarean sections. The location of this training was at Maternity Hospital #1. This is the main delivery hospital for Ulaan Baatar and performs over 5,000 births a year. It was a great training environment for the 18Ds since they performed the deliveries under one to one supervision



Special Forces medics assisting in live birth deliveries during training with a board certified, U.S. Army Medical Corps colonel with over 22 years experience in the field.

The goal of the dental training was to develop the skills necessary to provide independent dental care to A-Team members to maintain their effectiveness and to also provide basic dental care for the local population. Training ranged from diagnosis and treatment of simple dental problems to complex extractions. All the training occurred at the Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgery Clinic at the Central University Hospital, located in downtown Ulaan Baatar. This is the top dental referral center in the country where the most complicated cases are sent. By the end of their multi-day rotation in the clinic, each 18D had extracted over 80 teeth and treated several complex oral infections. The experience gained here was also unique because the medics worked one to one or two to one, under the direct supervision of an Army Dental Corps major with 20 years of dental experience.

The Veterinary training took place at the Veterinary School of the National Agricultural University, located on the outskirts of Ulaan Baatar. The medics participated in hands on exercises with horses, sheep, cattle and goats. Training

included physical exams, animal restraint methods, casting and administration of medicines. Some of the advanced cases treated under the direct supervision of a U.S. Army Veterinary Corps major (with 15 years of experience), included canine traumatic injury with multiple orthopedic injuries, infectious respiratory disease of an ovine flock and canine kerato-conjunctivitis with ulceration.

The experience gained in this exercise will be of incredible benefit for any third-world population that the 18D would be working with. In many situations, livestock well being frequently takes precedence over the needs of the members of the family or clan. Loss of family members can be overcome but loss of livestock could spell the doom of the entire group. As a consequence of this harsh reality, any aid that an 18D gave in the Vet field to the local population will win the support of the local people. Keeping alive a person's herd or flock would engender more good will than almost anything else that the 18D could do medically for the people.

A secondary task of the training mission to Mongolia was to give emergency medical first responder training for the Mongolian Federal

Forces. The 18Ds taught the first aid basics to over 90 members of the Mongolian Army. These multi-day sessions concentrated in such areas as introduction to U.S. military dressings, manual carries of the injured to safety, litter use, and training in the treatment of fractures and the use of splints. At the end of every 2-day training session, numerous competitions were held to see who could carry the litter the fastest and who could diagnose the simulated injury the quickest. The 18Ds were most impressed by the Mongolian soldiers' desire to compete and their enthusiasm for the whole training program.

All members of BALANCE MAGIC-02 listed it as one of the best and most unique exercises they ever participated in. The intense medical training will keep the 18Ds up to date in the particular areas of veterinary, dental and ob-gyn for the next five to seven years. They will have long memories of both the training and the genuine friendliness shown by all the Mongolian people with whom they came in contact. There were many tearful good byes when we finally had to leave.



Great friendships were made

115th Engineer Battalion Units Perform a Variety of Missions

by 115th Engr Bn Staff

Like many organizations throughout the nation, this year the 115th Engineer Battalion found itself busy and challenged at every turn. Olympic missions, mobilizations, annual training, and community support missions, not only kept the soldiers busy, it gave each individual a better understanding of their importance as "citizen soldiers." Colonel Robert P. Daniels, Commander of 115th Engineer Group, defined this role when he explained, "One of the most significant purposes for a unit in the National Guard is to play a role in our country's national security." He added "During the training year the units of the 115th Engineer Battalion have done this."

The 115th Engineer Battalion played an early role in preparing for the Olympics. Soldiers from the 116th Combat Support Engineers built the "Park and Ride" at Park City, cleared and grubbed a landing pad at the Heber City Airport and roughed and graded a main road in Midway. During the Olympics, soldier services were in high demand. The 489th Engineer Detachment (Utilities) built three handicap ramps at Fort Douglas. The 489th and 115th Maintenance were instrumental in assuring that Utah National Guard facilities and equipment functioned properly. The 489th assisted CW4 Francom and his outstanding maintenance staff at Camp Williams in improving the comforts for hundreds of soldiers and law enforcement personnel. The 115th Maintenance assisted the CSMS in repair of vehicles and communications equipment. Finally, 71 soldiers from the 117th, 116th CSE,



Photo by Tameron Cole ORARNG

The U.S. - Mexican Border Fence meets the Pacific Ocean

HHD 115th Battalion and the 120th Quarter Master performed security missions for the Olympics.

Once the Olympics ended, everyone took a collective sigh and immediately began making final preparations for annual training. However, all efforts had to be refocused with the call-up of the 115th Engineer Detachment (Utilities).

Annual training for the soldiers of the 116th CSE in Spanish Fork consisted of two weeks of fast-paced military engineer training conducted along the international border between the United States and Mexico. The soldiers conducted annual training in the Border Patrol's San Diego sector, which stretches 66 miles from the Pacific Ocean to the Imperial Valley County boundary in California. The 116th CSE provided support to the Border Patrol enforcement operations by improving roads and constructing environmentally friendly drainage structures. The net results of such projects are safer, cheaper, and more effective operations

for the Border Patrol and relief for Mother Nature in the sensitive desert region, which has historically suffered from high volumes of unrestricted traffic.

The overall goal of the border project is to re-direct unchecked traffic across the international border. "When I was first introduced to the United States Border Patrol's need for engineer support in 1989 there was no fence nor well-defined roads," said COL Robert L. Klein, commander of Task Force Grizzly. "When you looked across the area all you saw was a lot of dust, trampled vegetation and trash. Now when you travel the area from the Pacific Ocean to the desert you will find a lot less trash, vegetation is taking root again, and the Border Patrol is able to patrol safely and quickly along roads specifically designed for their mission," he added.

Deployment to the San Diego sector, provided soldiers with the opportunity to train on wartime skills while providing an essential service to the security and protection of our



Photo by SSG Kurk Walbeck 116th CSE

116th Combat Support Engineers Company cutting a new road for the U.S. Border Patrol.

nation. "For our mission and focus, no other project could have given us a better opportunity for individual MOS and cross-level training on familiar and new equipment, while working on a "real world mission" said CPT Matthew Branham, the Commander of the 116th CSE.

The 120th QM Detachment (Water Purification) deployed to Camp Dodge, Iowa for their annual training. The 120th is a small unit with a big role--purifying water for soldiers. The members of this unit improved on their already impressive reputation at Camp Dodge. They accomplished their initial set-up and turned in their first water test within two hours, substantially quicker than the

standard. They produced twice as much water as the other participating unit, purifying approximately 160,000 gallons of water in just four days sustaining continuous operations for over 100 hours with minimal down time.

These soldiers were also given the chance to train in non-traditional military scenarios. They conducted lanes simulating driving convoys through foreign country checkpoints without an interpreter. "Training in the non-tradition scenario was realistic and opened the eyes of our troops to real world problems we might not otherwise have thought about," said SFC Arrowchis, the Commander of the 120th.

The units of the 115th Engineer Battalion have not completed all their training yet. The 116th CSE is sending a contingent of soldiers to El Salvador to train and work with the Salvadorian soldiers. We are already busy planning for future events which include sending soldiers to Arizona, Germany, and the Philippines. "It appears the tradition has been that National Guard units train in order to be ready for an event that will place them in a national security role. All units of the 115th Engineer Battalion have played a role in our country's national security during the last six months," concluded COL Daniels.

Clover Control

By Sue Berk

Reprint from the Hilltop Times



The 299th Range Control Squadron (RCS) is putting a different twist on the Air Force motto, "No one comes close."

With a mission of providing quality air traffic control, weapons control and maintenance services to the war fighter, squadron members take pride in keeping aircraft out of harms way on the Utah Test and Training Range — the largest land-based training range in the Continental United States.

"I look at it as a big training ground where multiple missions can take place simultaneously," said Todd Lobato, air traffic control specialist. "The pilots come out and train, and while they're in the airspace, we want to keep them safe. If we see them get close to the boundaries, we call them. Once they are ready to go home, we make sure they are safe by keeping them away from aircraft arriving into and departing from Salt Lake City."

There are more than 150 Air

National Guard members assigned to the Air Combat Command's 299th RCS, known as Clover Control, who provide aircraft support at Hill AFB. Members are trained, experienced and flexible to meet the squadron's mission requirements.

"We have full-time Guard members who are here day-to-day and traditional members who work one weekend a month and fill in when they're needed," said Chief Master Sgt. Tony Gutierrez, Air Operations Maintenance superintendent. "If we didn't have the military, there might be gaping holes in available manpower. The military fill those holes and fit perfectly."

The unit is self-sustaining and divided into three functions. Air traffic controllers guide military, air carrier and general aviation planes in and out of the range. Once there, weapon controllers help with military aircraft targeting, intercepts and refueling missions. Another team provides maintenance



Photo by Lt. Col. David Thomas

The squadron uses both civilian and military members to accomplish its mission.

service to the radar and communication systems located at remote sites around Utah.

Bombers, fighters and tankers from around the nation use the more than 16,000 square mile airspace for routine training, exercises and inspections including inter-service and multi-national training efforts with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Royal Canadian Air Force, Royal Air Force and German Luftwaffe. These entities flew 315,453 operations in a two-year period.

"We typically have 16 aircraft flying at one time," said Brett Hixson, Weapons Staff Officer. "I've seen more than 60 at one time."

"It can look like a bee's nest out there with planes everywhere," Lobato said.

"On the weapons side, our job is to help with aircraft scenarios," Hixson added. "We paint the big picture — we have radar systems that look a long way and we try to put aircraft in the best possible position to employ their weapon systems."

Maintaining the radar and communication equipment to keep Clover Control functioning is mission



Photo by Lt. Col. David Thomas

299th Range Control Squadron (Clover Control) is a unique "one-of-a-kind" squadron in the ANG

critical. Crews located in Salt Lake City and Wendover provide preventative maintenance."The equipment they use is old but reliable," Guterrez said. They are looking at new microwave systems as replacements. However, rest assured, "we have back ups, for back ups, for back ups," Lobato said.

Another unique Clover Control element is the Federal Aviation Administration certification that the squadron received in 1994. When not used for military operations, they allow civilian aircraft to use the airspace under the unit's control.

"Because we are an FAA-certified facility we allow and take control of commercial aircraft while they're in our airspace," Lobato said. "Safety and the mission come first, but we want to work with everybody as best we can. Our airspace is a national asset, and we want to make efficient use of it."

In addition, Clover Control supports military ground units working on the range by restricting airspace above them. That includes protecting historical archaeological sites, wildlife survey and studies, wild horse surveys and roundups, and amateur rocket association launches.

"We also protect Dugway Proving Grounds' airspace," Lobato said. "The Army lets us know that they are using artillery, and we protect the airspace to make sure air carriers and military aircraft stay away from it."

People working on Hill AFB may not know the 299th RCS exists, but to those who rely on the Utah Test Training Range for training, Clover Control is a household name. The squadron has even received Air Force-level recognition by garnering seven Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards.

299th RCS "Clover" wins ATC Awards

by Lt. Col David Thomas



Photo by Lt. Col. David Thomas

Master Sgt. Smith discusses a radar console with Lt. Col. Lee.

The Air National Guard chose Clover Control, the 299th Range Control Squadron, as the 2001 ANG Outstanding Air Traffic Control Radar Facility of the Year.

The 299th RCS is responsible for controlling aircraft using or transiting the Utah Test and Training Range in Utah's western desert.

Lt. Col. Wayne Lee, the 299th RCS commander, said, "This is a great honor, the competition was extremely difficult in a year when many units are deployed in the war on terrorism."

Master Sgt. Ray Smith received the ANG Air Traffic Control Enlisted Manager of the Year Award.

According to Lt. Col. Lee, "Now that we have taken the lead on the ANG side, we are competing for the Air Force Air Traffic Control awards which will be announced in the near future."

Mother and son team-up in the Guard

by Lt. Col David Thomas



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Savage

Senior Airman Sarah Eklund, poses with her son, Sgt. David C. Eklund. Sgt. Eklund departed for a one-year tour of duty in the Middle East on April 2

To the Eklunds "serving your country" is more than just a phrase.

Both are members of the Utah National Guard.

Sarah serves in the 151st Medical Clinic, Air National Guard, while her son, David, serves in the 19th Special Forces, Army National Guard.



211th Aviation Group Helps Ready Army Reserve Unit for Deployment



Photo by 211th

Members of the 211th Aviation Group working on support equipment

*by Spc. Mark Albright,
Fort Hood Sentinel Staff Writer*

The 211th Aviation Group of the Utah Army National Guard assisted the 7th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment (Army Reserve) training at Fort Hood, Texas, to prepare for an upcoming deployment to Kuwait. They were also assisted by the 1st Battalion, 291st Aviation Reg. (active Army) providing training support. The units simulated war scenarios to prepare the 7/6 Cavalry AH-64A Apache pilots and ground crew for their deployment.

The 211th Aviation Group's role was to act as higher headquarters for the 7-6 Cav throughout their mission validation. The Group staff wrote and briefed a "road to war" and an operations order which became the basis for all the missions flown during the exercise. The validation began when the 7-6 Cav deployed to the field. The 211th Group was already in the field and prepared to receive reports, track missions and brief new missions. The Group staff interacted closely and acted as mentors for the reserve soldiers undergoing validation. The experience of assisting the 1-211th Attack Helicopter Battalion prepare for

the same mission in Kuwait last year proved to be very valuable. The 211th Group soldiers received valuable training as they trained on their wartime mission and enjoyed a unique training experience as National Guard, Army Reserve and active Army soldiers combined in one exercise.

The goal of the training was to evaluate 7-6 Cav. pilots specifically for the upcoming deployment. This was accomplished with the help of Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System or MILES gear attached to the aircraft and visually modified HUMVEEs made to look like Russian vehicles. In addition, the training featured the Electronic Warfare Training Set, ASET IV. This set is a vehicle-mounted system that is used to enhance aircrew electronic countermeasure training. It consists of two anti-aircraft gun systems, two infrared systems, one radio frequency missile system, one command control and communications system, and a six-missile, man-portable air defense system.

"The deployment training began in November with classes during drill weekends. The classes were intended to get the unit members familiar with

Kuwait and the general information needed to prepare them for active duty," said Capt. Dan Friend of Company C, 291st Aviation Group (Attack). "The ASET IV replaces the enemy Air Defense Artillery threat," said Friend, "It allows the pilots to feel as if they were being engaged by the real enemy." Security for the training operation is another important part of the mission. This responsibility is that of Master Sgt. Archie Davis, operations noncommissioned Officer-In-Charge. "It is really a challenge to secure everything that we have," said Davis, "We have nine aircraft, as well as personnel, and we have to make sure they are safe and hidden."

The aircraft are not the only items to secure. The aircraft are equipped with MILES gear attached to their underside to simulate actual battles by allowing the aircraft to kill or to be killed by the enemy vehicles on the ground. "Basically, we are replicating battlefield conditions with day and night engagement training," said Capt. Friend. "This validation training is their war-time task. This training evolution is an example of how the Army Reserves, Army National Guard and the active Army come together to train for actual missions in a hostile environment half way around the world," said Capt. Friend, who was the active Army Officer In Charge of the validation.

The 21st Cav. Brigade provided live battlefield tracking with the TAC operations van to monitor the entire training evolution. The van is a control center for the training, providing surveillance with a combination of global positioning units and a map overlay of Fort Hood. The helicopters show up as an icon on the plasma screen display in the van.

The 1st Battalion 148th Field Artillery Revisits the Mountain Post



Photos by 1-148th FA

Bravo Battery 1/148th FA "Bulldogs" First to Fire

by MAJ Russ Johnson, 1-148th S-3

After a seven-year absence from the pine trees and scrub oak of Fort Carson, Colorado, the 1-148th Field Artillery returned for a safe and successful 15-day annual training period at the Mountain Post – home of the 7th Infantry Division. Training at Fort Carson was a pleasant change from the sagebrush and powder dust of the Orchard Training area, where the Scorpion Battalion has trained since returning from the National Training Center in 1998.

Our training focus was simple and straightforward – qualify six Paladin Platoons to Battalion CSS, and qualify fire support sections at their go-to-war METL TASKS. Through lots of planning and hard work, all battalion training objectives were met. Soldiers learned every day, and no serious injuries were incurred. The 2nd Battalion (FA), 362nd Regiment along with our professional RTD team, conducted formal evaluations of all 1-148th FA units. Report cards were excellent across the board--thanks to the dedication and hard work of our soldiers.

The 1st Battalion, 148th Field Artillery is headquartered at Pocatello, Idaho, with units in Preston, Pocatello, Idaho Falls and St. Anthony, Idaho. Bravo Battery is located in Brigham City and Logan, Utah, and makes up a part of the 148th FA Battalion. Fort Carson was a nice change of scenery for the northern Utah artillery boys. After having conducted annual training for the past few years at Orchard Training Area in

Boise, Idaho, the Mountain post was a refreshing change of pace.

Bravo Battery, 1-148th FA led the way in all training areas and live-fire exercises. At the Top Gun Competition, SSG Martinez and his howitzer section were nominated as the Top Gun in the Battalion for their training expertise and gunnery. The competition involved one howitzer section from each of the firing batteries. The sections were evaluated on a number of different areas to include: maintenance, crew-served weapons, fire mission processing and land navigation. Staff Sergeant Martinez and his section set the pace from the start of the competition and never looked back.

The 148th FA is planning to return to Fort Carson next year. They were scheduled to return to Orchard Training Area in Boise, Idaho, but after the very successful training completed this year the higher headquarters has approved the return to Colorado.



SSG Martinez and his gun section win the "Top Gun" Competition

A Non-Traditional Training Year for the 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery



Photo by 2/222 FA Staff

Members of Task Force 222 with the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Runsfeld
by CPT Christopher Caldwell, 2/222 S-3

The 2d Battalion, 222d Field Artillery, along with many other units, had an interesting training year in 2002. It was a year filled with missions that are typically uncommon to this Battalion. Words such as Force Protection Condition, Magnetometer and Rules of Conduct were forced into our vocabulary. For many of our soldiers, TY-02 brought many new concepts and opportunities.

The training year for the "Triple Deuce" began just a few weeks after the September 11th tragedy. The Battalion received multiple Force Protection missions over the course of the first quarter. This resulted with an increased security posture at our St. George Armory and required twenty-four-hour manning for most of the quarter. The national level impact on our local airports in both St. George and Cedar City required the need for seventeen of our soldiers to be put on active duty orders for approximately six months.

The rumors of a possible Olympic Winter Games mission started sometime in November and were confirmed

shortly after that. By the start of the first quarter, many of our soldiers were preparing to support Operation Inner Flame in the Salt Lake City, downtown area. Preparing for this mission was not an easy task for us or other units, but the Battalion was able to successfully accomplish its mission. Once on the ground, Task Force-222 was primarily a force provider to Task Force Downtown and its security mission. Elements of I Corps Artillery, 1457 Engineers, and soldiers from the Nebraska, Massachusetts, and Idaho National Guard made up TF-222. The diversity of our task force was an interesting challenge for our leadership. The soldiers from all of these organizations were professionals and made our mission much easier to accomplish.

Some of the high-lights of the Olympic mission included the opportunity to interact with both the local public and international public, visits from the Secretary of Defense and Sergeant Major of the Army, and the experience to interact with world class athletes and celebrities. Possibly the

Olympic experience itself was the best part of the mission. The Task Force Commander, LTC Vance E. Larsen's "can do" attitude, great family support and the soldiers, made this mission easy to complete.

Third quarter was all business for the "Triple Deuce." Much of our annual training planning time was sacrificed during the Olympic mission and resources were not looking plentiful. Both annual training funds and military transportation were reduced throughout the training year due to Air National Guard deployments and other homeland defense priorities. Fort Stewart, Georgia, was on the training plan for the year, but an out of state AT seemed more than difficult to pull off.

Funds were appropriated to the Battalion just forty-five days out from the start date. Military Air assets were nonexistent, but we were able to contract commercial aircrafts to transport the soldiers to the AT site. Another obstacle for the Battalion was the limited resources in the logistics budget. We needed to transport nine vehicles to Fort Stewart and, once again, were able to use commercial assets to make it happen. The planning phase of the training cycle was almost impossible, given the time that we had to make it happen. However support from higher headquarters and our persistence helped make it happen.

This annual training started out being an exchange training exercise with the South Carolina National Guard underneath the Joint Patriot umbrella. The 4th Battalion, 178th Field Artillery borrowed our equipment for their AT in 2001 at Dugway Proving Grounds. This relationship between like units

within the National Guard is beneficial to both parties.

The main body of soldiers hit the ground running on 8 June. Many of the soldiers were out of their comfort zone, partly due to the heat and humidity, but also due to the training environment of the Southeast which differed greatly from that of Dugway. The operation began with the draw of equipment from the 4-178 FA and preparing it to go to the field. LTC Larsens' training focus was primarily on the successful communications link of the newly fielded Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System (AFATDS) and its integration with live fire artillery lanes. CSM Summers' individual training objectives included daily common task training to include daily 1SG assessment.

Perhaps what made this annual training such a success were the logistical efforts by the Battalion supply and maintenance sections. The demand on these two sections was often greater than their resources, but they showed they could adapt and overcome. There were many reasons for our annual training to be canceled this year, but fortunately with the support of MG Tarbet and BG Wilson, we were able to make it happen. When all was said and done, the Battalion fired no unsafe projectiles, had no reportable heat injuries, and was able to enjoy some Commanders Time visiting some of the tourist attractions and historical sites of the Southeast.

This non-standard training year has helped the Battalion grow as a collective unit. The leadership of the unit is as strong as it has ever been. These non-standard missions only continue to increase the Battalions' readiness for future missions as they arise.

The 47th Annual Veterans' Day Concert



World Renown 23rd Army Band performing at the Annual Military Ball
Photo by SFC Cullis

This year our famous and popular 23rd Army Band will be presenting two Veterans' Day Concert performances. The first will feature the combined Alpine School District Choir performing with the 23rd Army Band on Wednesday, 6 November 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Utah Valley State College Auditorium in Orem. The second will feature the combined Granite School District combined high school choruses performing with the 23rd Army Band on Monday (Veterans' Day), 11 November 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jon M. Huntsman Center, University of Utah. Admission is free for both performances.

The choirs in the concerts reflect the youth of today. During the concerts we plan to recognize members of the community who show outstanding support for our soldiers, organizations that work directly with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves (ESGR). We also plan to recognize Veterans still living who served their country from World War I to the present.

Please invite your family and friends to join us for a wonderful evening of outstanding entertainment. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to remember all the soldiers, airmen, sailors, marines, and members of the Coast Guard who risk their lives to protect our nation in times of war and peace.

Let us remember today's patriots.

Utah National Guard's Weapons of Mass Destruction Response Team

By Maj. Wendy Cline
and Staff Sgt. Maren Barney

During the Olympics, things were relatively quiet for the 85th Weapons of Mass Destruction - Civil Support Team (WMD-CST). For the thousands of visitors to the 2002 Winter Olympics and the people of Utah, that was a good thing.

The 85th WMD - CST lived in the Park City Life Support Area as augmentation to the Utah Highway Patrol. They are a part of the Utah National Guard's Weapons of Mass Destruction Response Team. Their primary mission is "hot zone" extraction rescue and recovery of civilians in the event of a nuclear, biological or chemical incident.

A "hot zone" is an area where contamination is located. Extraction usually involves donning a level "A" fully encapsulated suit with supplied air source and then entering the "hot zone" to perform rescue operations.

As a secondary mission, the team is trained to aid in mass decontamination.



Photo by Capt Scott Scharman

In a simulation, a victim's vitals are taken after he is decontaminated. In this case, Tech. Sgt. Greg P. Stewart, 151st CES, is playing the victim.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Maren Barney

A team member is "decontaminated" during the exercise.

The team was on call to augment local first responders and other federal agencies such as the Department of Health, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Secret Service in Salt Lake City, Provo and Ogden.

Fortunately, they were not needed during the Olympic Games, yet they still trained every day to familiarize themselves with the conditions, equipment, and possible scenarios.

"Hopefully it's a job we'll never have to do," said Tech. Sgt. Greg P. Stewart, 85th CST

team leader and a fire fighter at the Utah Air National Guard Base.

Major Wendy Cline, Utah Air National Guard, is the commander; and Capt. Gary Stroud, Utah Army National Guard, the executive officer of this "truly joint unit."

"We have a great team and we manage to do it with very little funding," said Maj. Cline.

"The first responders to an emergency of this kind may be the EPA or another agency that assesses the threat. Then we're called in to extract any victims," said Capt. Stroud.

The team wears level "A" protective suits as it enters a "hot zone." The suits offer the highest degree of protection. People in the "transition zone", between the "hot zone" and the decontamination area, wear level "B" suits. Unit members wear level "C" suits in the "warm zones," such as the decontamination area.

The varied mission of this team stems from their formation under two separate organizations.



Photo by Capt Scott Scharman

Simulated victims are extracted from the "hot zone."

The first is the Chemical Support Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP), which is a program mandated by Congress for any community storing chemical munitions of any kind. Utah's CSEPP team is prepared to respond to a chemical leak from the Tooele Army Chemical Demilitarization Facility and includes personnel from the 85th WMD - CST, 151st Civil Engineering Squadron and the 151st Medical Squadron.

The second is the 85th WMD - CST. This unit is a highly specialized joint Air and Army Guard team, made

up of traditional guard member response personnel. It is part of a state-sponsored program to deal with hazardous materials incidents

Of the eight CSEPP communities and 32 states with CST's, Utah is the only state to have partnered both programs.

"It was both unique and gratifying to see Utah's first joint Air and Army team work so well together. Without the support and dedication of 151st CES and the 151st MDS, the team's mission of Olympic response capability would not have met the mission tasking. What a great team," said Maj. Cline.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Maren Barney
Example of level "A" suit.

109th ACS Spouse Selected for National Honor

By Tech. Sgt. Sterling Poulson
and Airman 1st Class Ben Nichols

By putting her family first; by giving countless hours of volunteer service to several local charities, church groups, and the Boy Scouts; and by serving as the family support volunteer for the 109th Air Control Squadron; Tamara Foster was named the Air National Guard Spouse of the Year for 2001.

Brig. Gen. Larry V. Lunt, the Utah Air National Guard Commander, put it best: "The Air National Guard selected Ms. Foster because of her commitment to the Air Force way of life and for being a role model to military members and civilians alike."

Married to Master Sgt. George Foster of the 109th ACS, Tamara is also busy helping her step-daughters Lindsey and Aubree with their activities: homework, sports, music, church, etc. She thoroughly enjoys these experiences and willingly gives her time to be with them and to support them in

any way she can.

Tamara also planned "family friendly" meetings that allowed guard members and spouses to attend and listen to briefings while their children are entertained.

She assisted family support personnel from the Utah Army National Guard in preparing videos and care packages to send to Kuwait and on many occasions baked and delivered homemade pastries at 3 a.m. for a unit deployment.

Tamara's volunteer work did not start with the Utah ANG. During high school, she was involved with student government and the yearbook staff.

She also served as Varsity Experience Team (VET) Representative at Snow College from 1989 through 1991. Her duties as a VET Representative included overseeing the progress of other students, helping and encouraging them



Photo by Staff Sgt. Maren Barney
Tamara Foster accepts the award from Brig. Gen. Lunt. Her husband, George, looks on.

to reach for a higher standard in their studies, as well as extra-curricular activities.

As the Air National Guard Spouse of the Year, Tamara will next compete for the Joan Orr Air Force Spouse of the Year award.

Named for the wife of the former Secretary of the Air Force, it is awarded annually to the spouse that provides a leadership role model for both the officer and enlisted communities within the Air Force.

Army Aviation Support Facility Meets Challenge



Maintenance personnel loading the AH-64 helicopter into a C-5 transport aircraft for deployment to Kuwait

By MAJ James M. Bledsoe

The Utah National Guard Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) personnel have completed a phenomenal year. The schedule was full of large-scale events that were challenging to all who participated.

Starting last winter, AASF personnel were heavily involved with the preparation of 1-211th deployment to Kuwait. Maintenance personnel worked long and tirelessly preparing the aircraft for a strenuous six-month deployment to the desert.

In addition to preparing the aircraft, supervisors were busy developing logistical and sustainment plans ensuring that the correct parts, tools, test sets, and special equipment were identified, functioning correctly, and ready to deploy. Later, non-deploying AASF technicians played a pivotal role disassembling, and loading helicopters and equipment to deploy via rail, sea, and C-5.

While portions of 1-211th were deployed, AASF technicians did a fantastic job supporting the ongoing training for the pilots that did not deploy. The facility did not shut down because the unit was deployed to Kuwait; in fact, the opposite was true. The facility maintained a high operational tempo during the six-month deployment. The AASF launched an average of six AH-64 additional flight training periods and four UH-60 additional flight training periods per day, four days a week. In addition AASF technicians supported two deployments to Nellis AFB, one in November and one in December.

During the months of January and February, AASF technicians were charged with maintaining aircraft in support of the normal AFTP schedule, supporting the aircraft phase program, supporting out of state Olympic aircraft; and redeploying Task Force 211. All were large-scale events that most organizations would be at risk to successfully complete.

Looking back, it seems a near impossible list of tasks to pull off concurrently. Thanks to the excellent management team led by MAJ Bart Berry, and a dedicated team of technicians, the AASF not only succeeded at the tasks-- they excelled.

Just when the AASF thought it was time to get back to a "normal" schedule the command decided to put the AASF through an Aviation Resource Management Survey (ARMS). This is a compliance inspection conducted by FORSCOM every other year. It is a "Significant Emotional Event" for everyone in Army Aviation. The ARMS consists of nine major areas including: maintenance, supply, standards, aviation life support equipment, petroleum oil lubricants, ground support, etc. Each area has 100-150 questions that pertain to that area. The inspection usually requires hundreds of man-hours for preparation. Again AASF technicians rose to the task and exceeded all expectations. The AASF received "commendables" in most areas and received very few unfavorable findings. Inspectors said things like "we really had to dig deep to find any deficiencies." This was a real compliment since some aviation units struggle to pass the ARMS.

In conclusion, it is very important to recognize the outstanding team of AASF employees. We are very fortunate to have such talent and dedication. I'm personally proud to work with each and every AASF employee.



The Utah National Guard's Annual Military Ball 2002



Photo by SFC Greg Cullis

LTC Craig Morgan MC's the prize drawings, with members of the 23rd Army Band in the background, during the 2002 Ball

by Louwane VanSoolen

The Utah National Guard held its 38th Annual Military Ball on April 27, 2002. The Adjutant General of Utah, Major General Brian L. Tarbet, hosted a crowd of nearly 1,000 Honorary Colonels, VIPs, soldiers, airmen, and friends in the Grand Ball Room at the beautiful Grand Summit Resort Hotel in Park City.

As always, the Utah National Guard's own 23rd Army Band provided a lively accompaniment to the festivities. Guests danced the night away to music ranging from waltzes and polkas to jazz, swing, and an occasional rock medley.

During intermission a very up-beat group called the Full Force Dance Company, with Adriano Welch as Artistic Director and a member of the Guard, Chris Carlisle, as one of the dance team, entertained those in attendance with some great break dancing.

At the stroke of ten, the door prizes were awarded. There were several

prizes awarded to those present in uniform. And the winners were:

Kent Brogdon (DVD Player)
Larry Caldwell (Camcorder)
Bruce Willden (20" TV)
Daniel LeBaron (Lounge Chair)
Dan Morbach (Pyrex Dishes)

Robert Adamson (Beach Chairs)
Bruce Remund (13" TV)
David Thompson (Duffel Bag)
John Hansen (Golf Balls & Towel)
Bruce Evans (Theater Pack)
Douglas Bell (Dance Lessons)
Ted Smith (Tool Box)
Jim Keegan (Studio Chair)
William Hauser (20" TV/VCR)
Luis Uriona (Heavy Duty Mixer)
Wilford Williams (27" TV)
Douglas Olsen (Tent)

Besides dancing, the hotel catered refreshments and set up a bar to make the evening more enjoyable. In addition, many couples had their pictures taken by the award winning Busath Photography, at the very spot the Today Show was filmed during the Olympics.

The Ball is an annual event held to celebrate the hard work, enthusiasm, and devotion of the modern citizen-soldiers and airmen to the traditions and values of service to our state and nation.



Photo by SFC Greg Cullis

TSgt Sterling Poulson with his wife at the 2002 Military Ball

The Utah National Guard hosts the MAC Region VII Marksmanship Competition



Photo by 128th MPAD

Utah Army National Guard members Sgt. Bobby R. Sorensen competes in the M60 Machine Gun competition during the MAC Region VII Regional Marksmanship competition at Camp Williams. The competition held April 26-28, 2002 was attended by some of the area's best military shooters from different states.

By Sgt. Cavett Ishihara, 128th MPAD

Despite spring rains, wind and mud, more than 100 airmen and soldiers from eight western states came to Camp Williams, April 26-28, to compete as teams and individually in the MAC Region VII Marksmanship competition.

Competitors took aim and showcased their skills in the firing disciplines of the pistol, the M-16, M60 Machine gun and the sniper rifle shooting events in accordance with the rules outlined in the Winston P. Wilson Course of Fire Handbook published by the National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit.

"It's all about teamwork, control and technique," explained Army Sgt. Bobby R. Sorensen, a member of the Utah National Guard's B-Battery 1/145th Field Artillery in Manti. "The key is to concentrate on a two-round burst, hitting the target and avoiding penalties," said Sorensen.

This was the first competition for Sorensen's teammate, St. George 26

resident, and member of B-Battery 2/222 Field Artillery Cpl. Tony Kulmann. "In the M60 Machine Gun competition, the gunner and assistant gunner need to work together to hit the target and score as many points as possible," said Kulmann.

Blasting away at a paper target to some may seem simple enough, but throw in a quarter-mile sprint with a backpack, the weapon and ammunition in drenching rain, mud plastered boots, and those novices who label the task as simple will surely change their minds. Kulmann however, personally places the obstacles in perspective; "It really is fun. I like competing and I like to shoot!"

For members of the National Guard, like Kulmann and Sorensen, the annual competition is sponsored by the Arkansas, MTU. "The purpose of the competition is to train the best of the best so they can help train other soldiers who are having problems with marksmanship," explained CW2 Gus A. Leon Jr., match director.

The 2003 competition is scheduled for 13-19 October 2002. For more information about the rules of the yearly competitions contact CW2 Gus A. Leon Jr. at (801) 523-4491 or gus.leon@ut.ngb.army.mil.



Photo by Marksmanship Staff

Sniper Competition at Camp Williams during the MAV VII meet

The 23rd Army Band continues to be the “Ambassadors of Good Will” for the Utah National Guard

By CW2 Jay “Mike” Cottam, Commander

During the recent 2002 Winter Olympics the band performed six high profile concerts and entertained thousands of people, including the international audience and television broadcast of Governor Leavitt’s opening reception for President Bush.

The first official Olympic “gig” was in support of the torch relay through Heber City on Thursday preceding the official opening of the games. The cold mountain air of beautiful Heber was warmed by the hundreds of people who viewed the torch relay through downtown Heber and at Wasatch Elementary School. Of special note were the students who came from Roosevelt and Duchesne School Districts to participate. The band entertained the crowd before, during and after the cauldron lighting ceremony.

The following day, the band was honored to be at Governor Leavitt’s opening reception featuring President Bush. The band performed prelude marches, hymns and anthems for an audience of international dignitaries and guests. During the program, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the band performed special arrangements written especially for this opening reception. After President Bush finished speaking, he stepped off the stage and came directly to the conductor and commander of the band, CW2 Cottam, rendered a snappy salute and said, “That is one right fine



Photo by LTC Kent DeMars

The 23rd Army Band performing at the State Capitol at Governor Leavitt’s reception featuring President George Bush

band, sir. Thank you. Carry on.” The salute was returned, followed by a friendly handshake and smile. After the reception, one of the visiting guests from New York came directly to the podium and said, “Who would have thought that something this good (speaking of the band) could come out of Utah!” As it turned out, that statement proved true for every part of this Olympic experience.

During the course of the Olympics, the band performed at the Medals Plaza, Skating Oval, and Temple Square. Each of these performances was received with enthusiasm, smiles and good will. Frequently, visitors would present pins and other memorabilia to Cottam in gratitude for the uplifting music.

To close the Olympics, Governor Leavitt invited the band to perform at the closing reception honoring Rudy Guliani, former mayor of New York. The band provided uplifting music to welcome all of the dignitaries.

The 23rd Army Band received many accolades for its performances during

the Olympics. Typical of the comments is the one from Sterling Poulsen, “The moment was one of the most uplifting and marvelous experiences of my musical career,” said Poulsen. He is a local weather reporter for KUTV, Channel 2. He conducts a community choir who was performing at the Medals Plaza at the same time as the Army Band. Very impromptu, and unrehearsed, the band combined with his choir for a resounding rendition of “America.” The ability of the band to adapt to the situation and join with his choir was such a wonderful experience for Sterling that he mentioned it several times on the Monday morning TV2 news. We are humbled and pleased that we could be a part of an inspiring Olympic experience for Poulsen and thousands of others.

The Band continues to support many patriotic and community activities throughout the state, and represents the Utah National Guard in highest of professional standards and is recognized as one of the finest military bands in the world.

Utah National Guard Members Represent Utah in the 18th Annual Guard Bureau Marathon Trials

by Utah Minuteman Staff

Major George Graff (HHB I Corps Artillery), MSG David Taylor (Hq Utah STARC), CPT Eric Petersen (HHB I Corps Artillery), and SFC Jay Woods (97th Troop Command) made up the Utah National Guard Marathon Team that placed seventh out of 44 teams competing in the 18th annual Guard Bureau Marathon Trials. The race is an annual event that took place on May 5th this year in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Photos provided by National Guard Bureau
MSG Dave Taylor

Graff was the 36th finisher with a time of 3:07:21. Taylor was just 10 seconds behind finishing 37th with a time of 3:07:31. Petersen was not far behind finishing 43rd with a time of 3:09:55. Woods rounded out the team finishing 72nd with a time of 3:27:53. These finishing times combined for a team combined time of 9:24:47, which placed them 7th best out of the 44 competing teams. Utah has

historically placed in the top teams in each running of the annual event.

The race is conducted to promote physical fitness and recruiting programs by publicizing the events. Top runners are selected to be members of the All-Guard Marathon Team that promotes physical fitness in the Guard and supports recruiting events around the country. They will run in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C.; and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels Marathon in Pensacola, Florida; the Air Force Marathon in Dayton, Ohio as well as other races.

Although thousands of National Guard Members are on duty fighting the war against terrorism, that didn't stop several hundred National Guard soldiers from nearly every U.S. state and territory from traveling to Lincoln, Nebraska for the annual event. Lieutenant General Russell Davis, Chief



SFC Jay Woods

of the National Guard Bureau, remembered those who could not attend, and encouraged each and every runner taking part. "We are able to respond and do a great job because of the mental spirit that goes along with athletics," said Davis.

The Guard Bureau Marathon Trials are held each year in conjunction with the Lincoln Marathon that starts and finishes on the campus of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Taking the Guard's top spot this year was SPC Bill Raitter of the Oregon National Guard's Company A, 1249th Engineer Battalion, in Bend, Oregon, who finished the 26.3 mile course in just two hours, 33 minutes and four seconds. The Guards top female finisher was seven-time Guard Bureau Marathon participant MAJ Holly Scott, a Personnel Officer from Dover, Delaware, posting a personal record of 3:16:42.



CPT Eric Petersen

The 115th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company and the Enlisted Association of Utah Hosts the 8th Annual Minuteman Showdown Golf Tournament to benefit Special Olympics of Utah

By MSG Lee Turner

On Friday, 28 June 2002, the 115th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company, along with the Enlisted Association of Utah, hosted the 8th annual Minuteman Showdown at Hubbarly Golf Course on Hill Air Force Base. The tournament was a huge success. With the help of the Enlisted Association and the ladies from Hooters, over \$5,400.00 was raised for Special Olympics Utah. At the request of Special Olympics, half of what was raised this year and next year will be used to cover costs to send athletes to the world games held in Ireland in 2003.



CPT Geisler, Commander, 115th HEM Co., contemplates shot while Gina Vandall from Hooters looks on



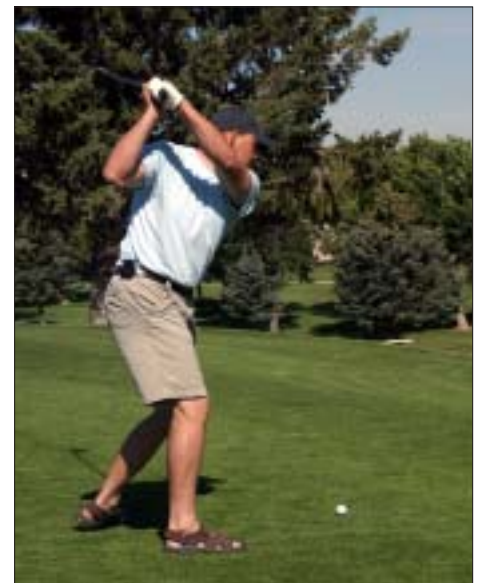
Photos by WO1 Tom Williams

CSM Craig Hone (center) and SFC Wait Mouse (right) present check to J.D. Donnell (left), the Executive Director, Special Olympics Utah

What made this tournament special was having a tournament within the tournament. Special Olympics athletes from all over the state competed to see who played in the Showdown. The Gold Medal winning team from Special Olympics was composed of J.D. Donnelly, Barry Currah, Chris Briseno, and Peter Rocca. The team of Tony Morse, Darek Robinson, Randy Robinson and Sam Garrity took first place with a score of 61.

There was a great deal of fun, food, and prizes. We will all look forward to next year being bigger and better. We want to thank everyone who supported us and ask for your help in the future. We would especially like to thank the Enlisted Association and the ladies from

Hooters for their support. Without their help the tournament would not have been as successful.



Participant tries to hit #6 green

Patrick D. Wilson becomes one of the Youngest Generals Appointed in the Utah National Guard



*Brigadier General
Patrick D. Wilson,
the new
Commander of
I Corps Artillery,
Utah Army
National Guard,
one of the youngest
Generals appointed
in the Utah Guard*

*Photo by UTANG
Command photo staff*

by Utah Minuteman Staff

The Utah National Guard Promoted its youngest general on 21 March 2002 in a ceremony at the Draper headquarters complex.

Patrick D. Wilson promotion to Brigadier General was marked by a pinning ceremony at the Draper complex officiated by The Adjutant General, Major General Brian L. Tarbet. The ceremonial pinning of the stars honors was shared by his father, Duane Wilson (former Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard) and Patrick's wife Brenda. The promotion was authorized by the appointment of Wilson as the Commander of I Corps Artillery.

Wilson entered military service 16 February 1976, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery on 25 June 1979, as a graduate of OCS Class 23 of the Utah Military Academy. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Utah

University in Accounting with High Honors and a minor in Business with a Masters of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Wilson has served in numerous positions in the Utah National Guard to include: Air Defense Artillery Section Leader, Battery Executive Officer, Battalion Communications & Electronics Officer, Battalion Intelligence Officer, Battalion Operations Officer, I Corps Artillery Intelligence Officer (Assistant Chief of Staff G-2), I Corps Artillery Operations Officer, and Assistant Chief of Staff Utah Army National Guard. In addition, he has held command positions as Battery Commander Battery A, 2-222nd Field Artillery, Battalion Commander 2nd Battalion 222nd Field Artillery, Commander 140th Regiment (Regional Training Institute), and his current position of Commander, I Corps Artillery.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Utah Medal of Merit, Utah Commendation Medal, Utah Achievement Medal, the Utah National Guard Service Ribbon and the Utah National Guard Recruiting Ribbon.

In addition to his busy military duties, he is an active member of the community and currently sits on the Board of Directors for Utah Association of School Business Officials, the Executive Board for Utah School Boards Risk Management Mutual Insurance Association, the state of Utah's School Accounting and Practices Board, and the Sevier County Economic Development General Board.

General Wilson and his wife Brenda make their home in Richfield, Utah and have five children: Jeremy, Rebecca, Joshua, Rachel and Jared. In civilian life, he is a Certified Public Accountant and works as the Business Administrator for Sevier School District. He is a current member of the Field Artillery Association, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Utah Association of Certified Public Accountants, Governmental Finance Officers Association, International Association of School Business Officials, Utah Association of School Business Officials, and Richfield Chamber of Commerce.

Armed Forces Day Celebration 2002

By Airman 1st Class Ben Nichols

On a day to remember the men and women in uniform, guest speakers from Utah and across the nation defined the meaning of patriotism with inspirational stories and greetings from the President of the United States.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsored the second annual Armed Forces Day celebrations, at the state capitol on May 18.

To honor the men and women who have fallen in battle or who are missing in action, Mark Stephensen, Vice-Chairman of the National League of Prisoner of War-Missing in Action Families of Southeast Asia, narrated the missing-man table ceremony. The place setting on the table symbolizes fallen comrades who could not be there.

Members from each branch of the military placed their service caps on the table to symbolize their respect for veterans still missing in action.

"I'm proud of the uniform I wear,"

said Mr. Richard Burt, a World War II POW. Burt spent time relating some of the experiences of his captivity. He said they had to invent rumors just to keep from going insane.

"It was a unique experience to hear the experiences of a true hero," said Tech. Sgt Sterling Poulson, the event Master of Ceremonies, and a Utah Air National Guardsman.

Other speakers included Brig. Gen. Peter Cooke, Deputy Commander of the 96th Reserve Support Command; Mr. William Bishop, a representative of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and former senator Jake Garn.

Booths and displays were set up to pay respect to the men and women in uniform.

F-16 fighters from the 419th Fighter Wing at Hill Air Force Base performed a missing man formation.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ben Nichols
Richard Burt, former prisoner of war, speaks at Armed Forces Day on May 18, 2002 at the Utah State Capitol.

The Salt Lake Scots Bagpipe Band performed "Amazing Grace" to honor the colors and Master Sgt. Terry Dammer played Taps on the bugle.

"I am honored to be with our military today," said Bishop, "God bless America."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ben Nichols
The crowd stands at attention during the playing of "Amazing Grace" at Armed Forces Day on May 18, 2002 at the Utah State Capitol.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ben Nichols
Military personnel present arms at the missing man table at Armed Forces Day on May 18, 2002 at the Utah State Capitol.

The Utah National Guard Family Readiness Program



Photo by Utah Minuteman Staff

The Utah National Guard Family Readiness Group Leaders present a symbolic check to the Adjutant General, MG Brian L. Tarbet, representing total hours donated by Family Readiness Volunteers to assist the families of their units and contribute to the readiness and retention of Utah Guard Members

by MSG Ronald V. Linton

The Utah National Guard Family Program Office and Advisory Board conducted the State Family Readiness Conference held at Utah Valley State College in Orem. The Conference was for Unit Family Readiness Group Leaders, Commanders, Command Sergeants Major, and First Sergeants. A symbolic check was presented to Major General Tarbet, The Adjutant General, in the amount of \$114,437.00. This was for the total hours donated by Family Readiness Volunteers to assist the families of their units and contribute to the readiness and retention of Guard members. A total of 7,629 hours were donated.

The Utah National Guard Youth Camp 2002 was conducted 24-27

June. One hundred four youth of present and retired Utah Guardsmen participated, 61 boys and 43 girls ages 10-14, enjoyed the camp. This year's camp included rappelling, land navigation, the climbing wall, swimming, sports activities, and Atlatlé (conducted by Ray Thompson, an employee at Camp Williams). This year was the first time for a field trip to the Utah National Guard Air Base that included a tour of their facilities, a KC-135 Tanker, and Hill Air Force Base to visit the 299th Range Control Squadron, UTANG, and the HAFB Air Museum.

A big thank you is deserved for the military counselors from units of the Utah Army and Air National Guard who spent 16 hours each day to watch over and teach the Guard youth about the

job their parents, grandparents, brothers, and sisters are performing for the Guard. Also, a special thanks to the Utah Air National Guard 151st Service Flight for preparing the excellent meals for the kids and counselors. Another thanks for the Medics from Detachment 5 STARC for their services to keep the kids healthy.

The last night of camp included a Flag Retirement Ceremony conducted by personnel from the 115th Maintenance Company and a presentation of "Just Ask Permission" (Tom Atkins) by the Camp Staff.

Next years Youth Camp will be held 23-26 June 2003. Applications can be submitted beginning 15 April 2003. Applications: ut.ngb.army.mil/family

The 211th Aviation Group's 4th Annual Family Day Activities

*By Sgt. 1st Class Roger Jensen
128th MPAD*

Onlookers stood and pointed in amazement as members of the 19th Special Forces Group rappelled 100 feet to the ground from a hovering Blackhawk helicopter. The amazement continued throughout the day as other members of the Special Forces performed two HALO (high-altitude, low-open) parachute jumps.

These events were all part of the 211th Aviation Group's fourth annual Family Support Day held June 8, 2002 at the West Jordan Armory. In efforts to involve and inform the Utah community of the Army National Guard's role in today's military, guests were able to experience Army action first hand via various interactive displays and information booths.

One such display was the Utah Army National Guard's red, white and blue Chevy Camaro, which grabbed

everyone's attention when it's large, chromed engine revved and thunderously roared to life, shaking the ground. Other events included the popular climbing wall, military trucks, trailers, HUMMVs, Blackhawk and Apache helicopters as well as demonstrations by the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment and the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion.

In total 11 different National Guard units participated by providing retention as well as recruiting experiences for soldiers and guest alike. Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Januzelli discovered the 128th MPAD and after



Photos by the 128th MPAD

Family members and other community guests watching the 19th Special Forces Group demonstrate their rappelling techniques from a hovering Blackhawk helicopter



Family members and other community guests get a chance to see the Apache helicopter close up

a lengthy discussion passed on his newly found information to his wife, Capt. Lorraine Januzelli, who has been in the Inactive Ready Reserve (IRR) for the last three years. Captain Januzelli has since joined the 128th MPAD, bringing both leadership and practical experience to the unit—a great example of why this event is of great value to the Utah Army National Guard.

ESGR benefits everyone

By Staff Sgt. Maren Barney

In 1972, the National Committee for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) was created to inform employers of the importance of the National Guard and Reserve forces and to explain the role of these forces in national defense.

The ESGR seeks to gain and reinforce the support of America's employers for a strong National Guard and Reserve. This is achieved by a variety of services provided by ESGR volunteers including ombudsman representation and employer recognition awards.

Employer support volunteers are in place throughout the country to help resolve employment situations.

At the local level, trained volunteers assist community employers and employees in understanding the law.

Most local support volunteers are



by Master Sgt. Steve Willey

Lt. Col. Arlo Stewart, 151st Logistics Squadron Commander, and Tech Sgt. Jeff Gilbert present a "My Boss is a Patriot" award to (front row left to right) Ron Mackley, Mark McBride and Todd Holzhauer of Ovid Technologies. Gilbert is a civilian employee of the company and a member of the 151st LS.

business leaders. They understand both sides of the problem and can help mediate.

Employer recognition is an important aspect of ESGR's mission. All

employer recognition and awards originate from nominations by individual



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Burke Baker

Lt. Col. Thomas (right) presents Amy Leintz, CH2M Hill Company, with an ESGR award. Master Sgt. Jeff Aure (left), 151st Clinic, nominated Ms. Leintz for the award due to her outstanding support for him during activation



Photo by Senior Airman Lacy Lewis

Capt. Ray Benshoof (left) and Lt. Col. David Thomas (right) present Mr. Jack Mourning, Senior Director, and Tom Paul, West Region Director, with ESGR Awards on June 6. Staff Sgt. Brian Sorenson, 151st Maintenance Squadron (center), submitted his company's two directors for the awards. Sorenson works for Fidelity Corporate Real Estate. Mr. Mourning traveled from Dallas, Texas to receive his award.

Guard members recognizing their employers for supportive employment policies and practices. The level of recognition depends on the degree of support by the employer.

“The ESGR program is an important retention tool for the Guard,” said Lt. Col. David Thomas, the 151st Community Manager. “If we don’t keep the employers of our Guardsmen happy and help them to understand the importance of Guard’s mission, then we lose good members. We don’t want to make our people choose between staying in the Guard or keeping their civilian employment.”

For further information on what ESGR can do for you or your employer, contact Lt. Col. David Thomas or visit the website at www.esgr.org.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Burke Baker
Lt. Col. Thomas presents an ESGR award to Kevin Olson of the Utah Highway Patrol. Superintendent Scott Duncan and Lt. Lee Pyper attended the ceremony.



Photo by Lt. Col. David Thomas

Tooele County Sheriff Frank Scharmann received his ESGR plaque from James and Regina Dekanich on May 10. He is a detective and she a dispatcher for Tooele.



Photo by Master Sgt. Steve Willey
Maj. Donovan Lambert, 151st Chief of Supply (left), presents D. J. Vincent, Assistant Store Director for Macey's with an ESGR Award. Roz, a Macey's employee and Senior Airman Cody Hamer, 151st Logistics Squadron, are also present.



Photo by Lt. Col. David Thomas

Tooele County Chief Deputy Frank Park also received an ESGR plaque for his support



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Savage
Corey Rose of Millionaire is presented his ESGR certificate by Capt. Sue Melton. Airman 1st Class David Griffin and Master Sgt. Richard Kniss of the 151st AGS, are also present.

The New Camp Williams Readiness Center



Photos by Terry Haslam

The new Camp Williams Readiness Center during the construction phase

By Doug Dellinger, DEH

The new Readiness Center at Camp Williams has been under construction for some time now and is now nearing completion. This new facility is located just south of building 800, and overlooks Thanksgiving Point. Not only is the view spectacular but the building is also spectacular. Tingey Construction has performed an on-time and on-line contract for this project.

With a cost of over \$10 million the facility will house several units that were located at Sunnyside and the Murray Armory. This facility has 110,000 square feet with all of the up-to-date standards and equipment prescribed by National Guard Bureau.

The Camp Williams Readiness Center is expected to be completed in time for Governor's Day, September

14th. Last year Tingey Construction went the extra mile to assist the Guard in preparing for this annual event by insuring temporary fencing and an adequate entrance for the Honorary Colonels and VIP's. We want to thank Tingey Construction for a great new addition to the facilities that house units of the Utah National Guard.

Environmental Resources Management - Protecting Hidden Valley Springs

by Robert Price, UT-ERM

Perhaps the least-known property held by the Utah National Guard is a five-acre parcel adjacent to the Jordan River, just north of the Jordan Narrows. This property does, however, have great significance to the Guard. This parcel was acquired by the State Armory Board in the late 1920's due to the presence of the Hidden Valley Springs, subsequently developed as Camp Williams' sole source of drinking water. A portion of the water rights associated with these springs was transferred just over a decade ago to allow development of the well at Camp Williams, but the springs still produce about half of the Camp's summer water usage, and the remaining water rights associated with the springs are a strategic asset for sustaining Camp Williams' operability.

The Hidden Valley Springs are part of Camp Williams' public water system, and as such must have a Source Delineation Report and a Drinking Water Source Protection Plan prepared. The Source Delineation Report attempts to identify the recharge areas that provide water to the springs, and breaks this recharge area down into distinct source protection areas based largely on time of travel to the spring. The Source Protection Plan is based on the Delineation Report. It identifies potential sources of contamination or loss of water within the source protection areas. The UT-ERM has worked over time at preparing these documents, but the ability to model or investigate subsurface flow in springs is relatively limited, so efforts to date have uncertainty attached to them.

The Source Protection Plan also



Photo by UT-ERM Staff

Hidden Valley Springs located just northwest of Camp Williams

requires communication with area landowners and investigation of site activities. Of particular concern for the Hidden Valley Springs are the aggregate pits at Point of the Mountain. These operations are located immediately adjacent to our springs and overlay the anticipated recharge areas. The pit operations include concrete and asphalt batch plants, and house numerous equipment maintenance and fuel storage activities. Recent investigations at these sites have revealed that pit excavations have greatly reduced the land cover over our recharge areas, and concern has mounted that water quality and quantity may be impacted. Also of concern is the influence of surface water on the springs, as a canal is located immediately above the springs.

The UT-ERM has initiated a number of investigative actions to attempt to better quantify the spring recharge areas and the nature of any impacts. Spring monitoring activities include temperature and flow measurements, and microbiological sampling and analyses. These efforts will provide an indication of surface water influences and integrity of the collection devices. An aerial

survey has been commissioned that will provide detailed elevation contours of the springs and the entire area of pit operations. This will be used along with well logs and interpretation of geologic stratigraphy to assess the current and anticipated impacts from pit excavations. This data will also allow development of vertical cross sections for the area. The other initiative under way at this time is an electromagnetic (EM) survey of the springs. An EM survey involves running electrical current from the springs through a grid of surface electrodes to develop an indication of the location and depth of ground water paths. It is expected that this survey will allow development of maps showing more precise locations of the spring recharge areas, allowing the Guard to target areas for protection from impact.

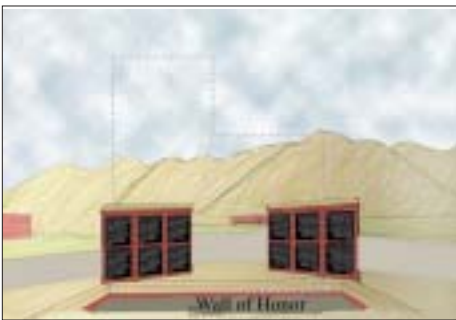
It is our hope to be able to protect these springs as long as possible so the Guard can obtain the greatest benefit from them. They still hold the key to sustaining a water supply for Camp Williams operations. Please direct any questions to Robert Price of UT-ERM at 523-4454.

Air Guard Memorial walk takes shape

By Lt. Col. David Thomas

The Utah Air National Guard remembers those who have served and sacrificed, but they want to do more.

In the last few years, the base built a pool and a brick wall with a flagpole on the corner opposite the dining hall parking lot. Now the plan is to put up plaques on the wall honoring those who have given their lives in the line duty with



The Wall of Honor will have the names of those who gave their lives in the line of duty and retirees.

the Guard and those who have served until reaching retirement.

A memorial walk is planned south of the wall with plaques on the history of the Utah ANG.

In November, a tree on a small

knoll will be dedicated and a plaque placed with it to honor those members who served during the Korean War

A circle of meditation will culminate at the south end. Inside the circle will be plaques recognizing the wars and conflicts in which our members have served.

What can you do to help? Read on. As with any project it requires funds to accomplish. In the next few months, we will be collecting donations to purchase the plaques. In addition, we need help in identifying those who have retired (with 20 or more years of



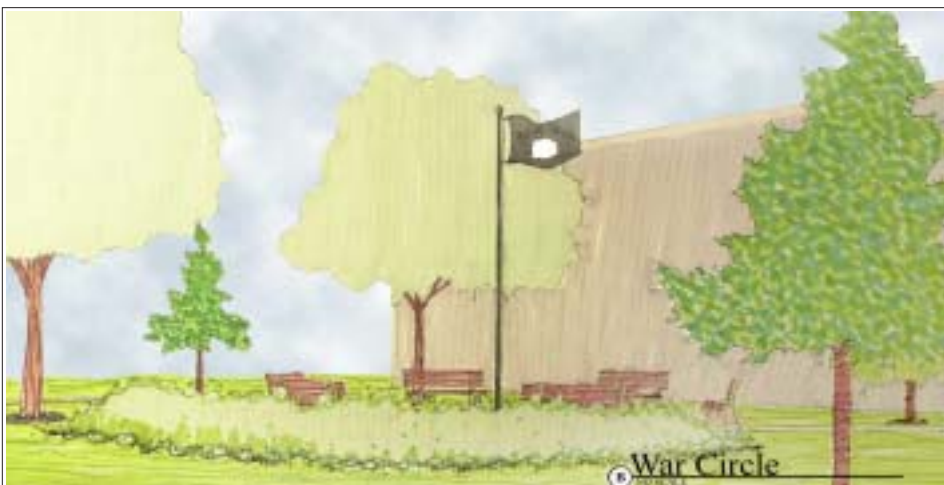
Points of Reflection will be placed along the walks. They will display important events in the history of the Utah Air National Guard.

service).

If you are interested in helping with the project, contact Lt. Col. David Thomas at 245-2455 or your squadron commander.



Above is a view of the entire memorial plan. North is to the right.



The War Circle will have benches and a POW/MIA flag in the center. Other Plaques will be located in the center to recall different conflicts.



An overhead view of the War Circle shows the plaques and benches.

The value of good NCO's

*By Staff Sergeant Nicholas Pond
97th Troop Command*

In both the military and civilian environment we often hear complaints about leaders lacking strong character and leadership traits. We hear both leaders and subordinates talking to or about each other and wishing that someone would take a stand and show some "backbone."

Organizations are always looking for someone who can be depended on for results as well as caring leadership; however, these traits are rare. The Creed of the Non-Commissioned Officer Corps defines this type of person with words such as professional, backbone, leader, proficient, responsible, caring, fair, impartial, respectful, confident, loyal, initiative, integrity, and moral courage. I know of no organization that does not seek after people who exemplify such a creed.

In the Utah National Guard we are lucky to have many such people in places of leadership. The 97th Troop Command of the Utah Army National Guard is one of these fortunate units.

Sergeant First Class Pete Stalliviere came to Troop Command two years ago from the 211th Aviation as the Personnel NCO and since that time has made a positive impact on this unit because of his positive leadership traits. As a reward for his performance in the unit he now joins the senior NCO's of Troop Command and has become a valued leader to his subordinates. On 17 January 2002, Pete was pinned as a Master Sergeant by his wife and COL Mike Christensen. Congratulations to



Pete Stalliviere of the 97th Troop Command being pinned as a Master Sergeant by his wife and Colonel Mike Christensen

MSG Pete Stalliviere and all the Utah National Guard NCOs who subscribe to the Creed of the Non-Commissioned Officer... the "Backbone of the Army."



by Staff Sergeant Nicholas Pond 97th Troop Command

NCOs:

***When your future goals you do set,
Choose goals now for sure that will get
You nearer to the top of the heap
Your eye on the mark you must keep
Though you may or may not be as hairy,
Strive to be more like Pete Stalliviere.***

The Utah National Guard Continues its Long Tradition of "Scouting for Food"

by Terry Haslam

On 23 March 2002 the Utah National Guard assisted the Boy Scouts in Utah for the fifteenth consecutive successful "Scouting For Food" effort by collecting food for local food banks to help the needy in the state of Utah. According to the Utah Food Bank Director Brenda Thompson, this combined effort of the Boy Scouts and the Utah National Guard is the largest single collection effort of the year. This year's effort was a resounding success collecting more than 1.5 million pounds of food, making this year another record breaker. The Utah National Guard supported all three Boy Scout Councils, which cover the entire state of Utah.

Over 65,000 Scouts and adult volunteers from the Great Salt Lake Council, Trapper Trails Council, and the Utah National Parks Council along with hundreds of Utah National Guard members from units throughout the state made this another success in the fight against Utah hunger. The Trapper Trails Council (northern end of state) collected and transported 400,000 lbs. The Great Salt Lake Council (Salt Lake



Photo by SFC Craig Cullis

Utah National Guard personnel unloading trucks at warehouse



Photo by SFC Craig Cullis

Three Utah National Guard trucks backed up to the dock at the Utah Food Bank waiting to be unloaded by our warehouse workers

metropolitan area) collected and transported 614,000 lbs. The Utah National Parks Council (Utah County south) collected and transported 480,000 lbs. Each of these areas had a Utah National Guard Officer coordinating collection efforts; in the Utah National Parks the OIC was MAJ Michael Seguin; in the Great Salt Lake Council the overall OIC was MAJ Laura Goode; and in the Utah National Parks Council the OIC was MAJ John Pamerleau.

The Boy Scout leaders and the directors of the Utah Food Bank said they could not accomplish this scale of undertaking without the support of the Utah National Guard. The Utah National Guard has received favorable publicity for their participation, which has been helpful in projecting a positive image of our community support efforts. This is important because one of the strengths of the Guard is its close link with the community. A collateral benefit of this project is an opportunity to exercise a communication system and an operational structure involving

many different unit assets that could be used in an emergency.

Even though this year's drive came right on the heels of the Utah National Guard's historic support of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, Guard personnel came through in their traditional "can do spirit" and made this a record breaking success. Food distribution centers that help the needy in Utah have come to rely on this huge influx of food as their principle source for 50% of the staple food donations received each year. The timing of the drive is planned to get the food banks through the summer months when donations historically drop off because of summer activities.

The growth of the Utah Food Bank is directly related to the growing number of hungry people in Utah. It is estimated that more than 200,000 Utahns live below the federal poverty level. The numbers are staggering, but the Utah Food Bank is committed to continue the fight against hunger and the Utah National Guard continues to lend their support.

Guardsmen help Scouts with food collection

By Lt. Col. David Thomas

Collecting enough donated food to feed the hungry in Utah till September was not an easy task, but through the efforts of the Boy Scouts and the National Guard, it was accomplished during the March drill.

Over 300 Utah Air and Army National Guardsmen assisted the Boy Scouts around the state on March 23, to collect donations for the Utah Food Bank's annual



Photo by Master Sgt. Ren Willie
Senior Airman Adrian

Broadhead, 109th ACS, helps to load the food collections on an ANG truck for delivery to the food bank.

Scouting for Food drive.

Using more than 60 trucks, the Guardsmen moved the food from 64 collection points to warehouses and armories around the state. Last year the food drive collected over \$1 million worth of food for the needy.

The following units and guardsmen and participated in this year's drive: 130th Engineering



Photo by Master Sgt. Ren Willie

Staff Sgt. Dennis Sorenson, 130th EIS, helps a scout load food on the collection truck.

Installation Squadron: Master Sgt. David Alama, Tech. Sgt. James Taylor and Staff Sgt. Dennis Sorenson; 109th Air Control Squadron: Tech. Sgt. Jim Hughes, Staff Sgt. Steve Callorino and Senior Airman Adrian Broadhead; HQUTANG: Senior Master Sgt. Jay Green and Tech. Sgt. Sterling Poulson; 151st Communications Flight: Tech.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Sterling Poulson

Master Sgt. David Alama, 130th EIS, and Boy Scouts with their leaders load an ANG trailer with food donations in Bountiful, Utah.

Sgt. Lorin Pratt; 151st Air Refueling Wing: Master Sgt. Ren Willie and Airman 1st Class Ben Nichols.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ben Nichols

Tech. Sgt. James Taylor, 130 EIS, and Patrick Larsen, Troop 217, load a box of food on an ANG truck for delivery to the Utah Food Bank warehouse.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Sterling Poulson

Tech Sgt. Sterling Poulson, HQUTANG, talks on his cell phone and chats with scout leaders while Master Sgt. David Alama, 130th EIS, opens the trailer to load donations.

The Fort Douglas Museum - A Prisoner's Journey

by Su Richards, Research Archivist

On 10 June 1917, a group of approximately 300 German war prisoners disembarked from a train at the Rio Grande Station in Salt Lake City, Utah. They were the crew of an Imperial German warship, *S.M.S. Cormoran*, which had taken refuge in December 1914 at Guam under "friendly house arrest."

Among the POW's was a young sailor named Ernst Adolph. His story came to the attention of the Ft. Douglas Military Museum staff when his daughter, Dorit Mathers, contacted the museum via-mail for information while doing research to "fill in the gaps" of her father's life. Mrs. Mathers, in her search, has found many references for tracing the travels of the *Cormoran's* crew, both before and after their stay at War Prison Barracks Three, Ft. Douglas, Utah. She and her husband, Jim Mathers, have also traveled from their home in Livermore, California to do on-site research. They visited the Ft. Douglas Military Museum in April 2002 and have since shared, via correspondence with the museum staff, her father's story. A synopsis follows:

In 1912, Ernst Adolf entered the German Navy (pre-WWI) in order to leave Germany because of political differences. He apparently intended to serve only until he could "jump ship" in Australia where he planned on settling. As circumstances happened, he was unable to carry out his plans, still being on board the *Cormoran* on patrol in the Pacific Ocean when WWI broke out in Europe.

While evading the Japanese and British navys, the *Cormoran* was unable to restock fuel and supplies and



Part of the crew of the *Cormoran*

sought refuge 15 December 1914 in San Luis de Apra Harbor, Guam hoping to re-supply. However, the Governor of Guam, Capt. Wm. J. Maxwell, U.S.N., was not willing to sell coal or supplies to the *Cormoran* and it was "reluctantly interned" for the next two years.

Although the ship was interned and disarmed the crew was able to travel freely about the island. According to Charles Burdick, author of *The Frustrated Raider*, concerts were performed ashore by the Germans with musical talents, and the people of Guam generally thought that the presence of the *Cormoran* was a big plus for the island. This friendly, if somewhat uneasy, situation continued as the war escalated in Europe, with the *Cormoran* and her men continuing to be "guests" of the naval government of Guam into 1917, even as Maxwell was replaced by Capt. Roy C. Smith, U.S.N. as Governor.

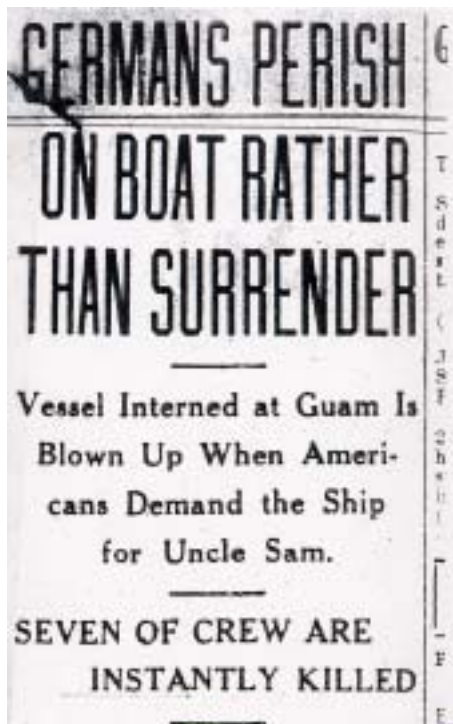
On 3 February 1917, the United States severed diplomatic relations with Germany. Governor Smith then required that the *Cormoran's* officers and crew remain aboard the ship. A thorough inspection of the ship was ordered, and

it was determined that the *Cormoran* had neither coal nor supplies enough to leave Guam.

On 2 April 1917, President Woodrow Wilson delivered a war message to the Congress of the United States and war was declared against Germany on 6 April. Guam, west of the international dateline, was already waking up on 7 April.

Governor Smith sent Cmdr. Owen Bartlett, U.S.N. with officers and men out to the *Cormoran* to demand surrender. As Bartlett's launch traveled toward the ship, the *Cormoran's* launch was headed to shore. When the Germans saw the Americans they turned back and the Americans gave chase. Catching up, Bartlett ordered a shot fired across the bow of the German launch to stop them. This took place about two hours after President Wilson signed the declaration of war, being the first American shot fired in WWI. Bartlett and his party boarded the *Cormoran*, informed the Germans of the situation, and then gave the order to surrender. Capt. Zuckswerdt agreed with the surrender of the men but not of

the ship. As the Americans returned to shore to report to Gov. Smith, they felt the shock of an underwater explosion. Rather than surrender the ship, the *Cormoran* had been scuttled. Small craft picked up most of the crew (seven died as a result of the incident) and they were confined on shore as POW's until arrangements were made to transport them to the United States for their continued confinement.



Newspaper article in the Tribune

Ernst Adolf, in his personal story, relates much of this information. His journey from Guam, beginning 30 April 1917, on the *USAT Thomas* becomes more detailed however. He described the journey as going from Guam via Manila, Nagasaki, and the Aleutian Islands to San Francisco where they landed early in June 1917. They were then taken by ferry to Oakland where they departed by train for Salt Lake City, arriving 10 June.

Mrs. Mathers has given us the following: "My father stated that the

POW's had excellent treatment . . . He was amazed, in fact, that they had better accommodations on the train than the young soldiers who were to fight in Europe. He felt this was unjust."

Another quote from Mr. Adolf mentions his time at Ft. Douglas. "As long as we were in Ft. Douglas we all had a comfortable life, very little to do. I read a lot, I remember I read two sets of American History each consisting of 4 volumes; *Paradise Lost* by Milton, which took me a whole month to read. Ernst Adolf was at War Prison Barracks Three, Ft. Douglas, Utah from 10 June 1917 to 28 March 1918 then was transferred to Ft. McPherson, Georgia. His release came 7 October 1919 for transport back to Germany through Copenhagen, Denmark. Mr. Adolf returned to the United States in 1925 and remained until his death in 1988. He never became a U.S. citizen, preferring instead to be known as a "Citizen of the World."

It has been very enlightening to assist Dorit Mathers find the resources she needs to compile her father's story. In the process, she has learned that her father had a wife and children who

chose not to immigrate to the United States with him. She has communicated with a half-sister in Germany, and together they have shared their father's life, so each understands better why he did what he did. In contacting the Ft. Douglas Military Museum for help, Mrs. Mathers has given the museum staff the chance to gain knowledge of one of the previously obscure men who spent time at Ft. Douglas. It has taken Ernst Adolf out of the archival shadows to give us a sense of reality concerning the impact on the men who resided in War Prison Barracks Three, Ft. Douglas, Utah.

The site of War Prison Barracks Three is now part of the University of Utah campus. The Huntsman Center and adjacent buildings are now located where Mr. Adolf and his fellow POW's lived 85 years ago. It is exciting to know that in spite of the trauma he suffered, Ernst Adolf cared enough to share his experiences with his family and that they, in turn, have shared with us a part of the Fort's history. The Ft. Douglas Military Museum staff wishes to express their thanks to Dorit Mathers for reminding us that we need to occasionally look back in order to go forward intelligently.



The Fort Douglas POW Camp where the Huntsman Center now stands

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Safety - Don't Become the "Hunted"



by Bob VanElsberg, reprinted from *Road & Rec Magazine*, Fall 2000

I saw a grey clump moving along the tree limb. It was a squirrel—the first I'd seen that was within the range I could shoot accurately as a young hunter. I estimated the distance at about 35 yards, well within the range of my .22 single shot rifle if I held steady. In the excitement of the moment my heart began to pound and my vision narrowed to a tunnel. Before I could control my trembling enough to steady the rifle, the squirrel leapt from the limb and scampered away in the tall grass. I was momentarily tempted to take a shot, thinking I might get lucky. However, I decided against wasting the bullet—my minimal allowance didn't allow for wasting bullets.

As it turned out, it was a good thing I'd held my fire. I'd barely reset the safety on my rifle when two girls came walking around the tree where I'd seen the squirrel. In my excitement I'd failed to see them in the background. Now my heart beat even harder, driven by the fear of what I had almost done.

I knew all too well what I'd almost done. On my first hunting trip another hunter had fired hastily, mistaking me for a deer and sending two rifle rounds near enough to my head that I felt the breeze. As a young hunter I had now twice seen how easy it was for a mistake to nearly lead to a tragedy.

Since then I have talked to several hunters who have had close calls. In heavily hunted areas it's all too easy to

be a victim of "mistaken identity" or a shot taken hastily at a sound or a movement. Also, a poorly aimed shot may carry for hundreds of yards, potentially threatening other hunters on the ground or in tree stands. Being **SEEN** by other hunters and **NOT** being mistaken for game are two important ways hunters can control the risks to themselves when they're in the woods. Here are some tips to help hunters do that:

NEVER wear blue or red during turkey season. Because of the environment in which turkeys are hunted, it is more likely that a shot may be taken when only part of the animal is seen. Wearing any color that would be naturally found on a turkey greatly increases your chances of being shot.

NEVER wear brown or white during deer season. These are a deer's primary colors and, as the author found out firsthand, wearing these colors can make you a target.

NEVER carry a deer or a turkey on your shoulders through the woods. Instead, carry it as low or near to the ground as possible. Carry smaller game in a game bag and mark larger animals with blaze orange to prevent someone else from shooting at it.

NEVER shoot at sound or movement. Make sure you identify your target **BEFORE** shooting, and also check out the background (remember the two girls mentioned at the beginning of the story?) Don't shoot if there is any danger your bullet might carry beyond the target and injure someone.

NEVER assume you are the only hunter in the area. It's better to assume every sound or movement is another

hunter until you can safely identify it as otherwise.

NEVER wave, whistle, or make animal calls to alert an approaching hunter to your presence. Always shout to identify your location to the other hunter.

NEVER use your rifle or pistol scope for binoculars.

NEVER place your finger inside the trigger guard or release the safety until you are ready to fire.

NEVER assume another hunter is handing you an empty weapon. Always open the action and check the chamber.

ALWAYS wear fluorescent or "blaze orange" colored clothing when you are moving through heavy timber.

ALWAYS know the location of other hunters if you are hunting in a group. Pass up any shot where the game is between you and another hunter.

ALWAYS unload your weapon before coming into camp or getting into a vehicle.

PROTECT YOURSELF against the chances of being shot by another hunter by sitting at the base of a tree trunk that is wider than your body. You'll be able to see approaching hunters and you'll be protected from shots fired behind you.

MAKE SURE your tree stand is in good condition and properly secured to the tree. Also, wear a shoulder harness with a safety belt attached to the tree to prevent you from falling. Every year several hunters are injured or killed as a result of falling from tree stands.

MAKE SURE someone knows where you are going and when you plan to return.

*This Plaque was presented to the Utah National Guard
by Sarah M. Barlow of Riverton, Utah*

Lest We Forget

In heart wrenching unbelief we watched— all of us
watched,

As the crumbling of the twin towers blackened the suns
light.

So many families, so many friends, waiting, searching,
wondering,

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN and WHY?

We wept for those whose empty arms were aching for the
ones they lost.

Praying, Dear God wrap Your loving arms around them
and give them the strength to go on.

Then, as a United Country we sang, with voices strong.

And in the words of Our Countries Anthem,
We found courage to triumph in the time of our
nations sorrow. For truly this is,

THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE
BRAVE!

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